

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-36. (canceled).

37. (currently amended): An anode material for a secondary battery which is used for an anode in a non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery having at least the anode, a cathode and a lithium-ion conducting non-aqueous electrolyte, comprising a particulate composite which comprises a mixture of an Si oxide and at least one metal selected from the group consisting of Pd, Pt, Au, Rh, Ir, Ru, Os and Re.

38-40. (canceled).

41. (previously presented): The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in claim 37, wherein when the Si oxide is expressed in SiO_z , $0.8 \leq z \leq 2$.

42. (previously presented): The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in claim 37, further comprising lithium metal.

43. (previously presented): The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in claim 37, wherein when a ratio of Si atoms to noble-metal atoms is expressed in a:b, $0.01 < b/a$.

44. (canceled).

45. (previously presented): An anode for a secondary battery, comprising an activator layer which comprises the anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in claim 37 on at least one side of an anode collector.

46. (canceled).

47. (previously presented): The anode for a secondary battery as claimed in claim 45, wherein a center-line average roughness (Ra) of the anode collector is 1/10 or more of a thickness of the anode collector.

48. (previously presented): A non-aqueous electrolytic-solution secondary battery comprising the anode for a secondary battery as claimed in claim 45.

49. (new): The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 37, wherein the particulate composite has a structure where at least one metal selected from the group consisting of Pd, Pt, Au, Rh, Ir, Ru, Os and Re is present in a matrix of the Si oxide.

50. (new): The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 37, wherein the particulate composite has a structure where the Si oxide is present in a matrix of at least one metal selected from the group consisting of Pd, Pt, Au, Rh, Ir, Ru, Os and Re.

51. (new): The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 37, wherein the particulate composite has a structure where the particulate Si oxide and at least one metal selected from the group consisting of Pd, Pt, Au, Rh, Ir, Ru, Os and Re are aggregated.

52. (new): An anode material for a secondary battery which is used for an anode in a non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery having at least the anode, a cathode and a lithium-ion conducting non-aqueous electrolyte, comprising a particulate composite which comprises a mixture of a lithium silicate and at least one metal selected from the group consisting of Pd, Pt, Au, Rh, Ir, Ru, Os and Re.

53. (new): The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 52, wherein when the lithium silicate is expressed in Li_xSiO_y , $0 < x$ and $0 < y \leq 4$.

54. (new): The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 52, further comprising lithium metal.

55. (new): An anode for a secondary battery, comprising an activator layer which comprises the anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 52 on at least one side of an anode collector.

56. (new): The anode for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 55, wherein a center-line average roughness (Ra) of the anode collector is 1/10 or more of a thickness of the anode collector.

57. (new): A non-aqueous electrolytic-solution secondary battery comprising the anode for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 55.

58. (new): The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 52, wherein the particulate composite has a structure where at least one metal selected from the group consisting of Pd, Pt, Au, Rh, Ir, Ru, Os and Re is present in a matrix of the lithium silicate.

59. (new): The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 52, wherein the particulate composite has a structure where the lithium silicate is present in a matrix of at least one metal selected from the group consisting of Pd, Pt, Au, Rh, Ir, Ru, Os and Re.

60. (new): The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 52, wherein the particulate composite has a structure where the particulate lithium silicate and at least one particulate metal selected from the group consisting of Pd, Pt, Au, Rh, Ir, Ru, Os and Re are aggregated.